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## EDITORIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

### OHIO VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE.

Of the Central Ohio Valley History Conference, which held its first meeting at Cincinnati, November 29 and 30, Mr. Frank P. Goodwin, the secretary, writes: "We had a very profitable meeting, and I feel sure that the cause of local history in the Ohio valley has been materially advanced. A committee will prepare a program for the second meeting to be held at some place to be selected a year from now, and at that time they will report a plan of permanent organization. The committee consists of I. J. Cox, University of Cincinnati, chairman; C. L. Martzloff, Ohio University, secretary; S. B. Harding, Indiana University; W. W. Longmoor, curator of Kentucky State Historical Society; Harry B. Mackory, Filson Club and numerous patriotic societies; Virgil A. Lewis, State Historian for West Virginia; E. C. Randall, secretary of Ohio Archæological and Historical Society; A. B. Hulbert, Marietta College, and F. P. Goodwin."

### INDIANA UNIVERSITY HISTORY CLUB—A NEW STATE BUILDING.

Indiana University has a history club that is, we believe, more actively interested in the question of local history than any other college club or class in the State. Under its stimulus considerable research work has been done, some of the students having written themes along this line. Through the newspaper columns we occasionally hear of the club's alertness in local matters. At a recent meeting it took time by the forelock and began the agitation of two live questions that will probably require considerable stirring before there are material results. These are, an Indiana Centennial celebration in 1916, and the erection of a building at Indianapolis in which "all the historical documents obtainable relating to the State should be placed." This latter question, in our opinion, is one of special importance. It is only a question of time till the State must

have a building of the kind suggested, and the need, indeed, is already pressing for new quarters, such as Wisconsin, Iowa and some other States have provided themselves with. The State House is now overcrowded; the State Library is growing beyond its present space; the State Museum presents and for some time has presented a case of arrested growth, and Mr. Blatchley has repeatedly been obliged to decline articles for the collection for lack of space for them; the Indiana Historical Society, which long had its room in the capitol, is now turned out of house and home, without a place other than private offices for its meetings, and with its collection partly boxed and partly in charge of the State Library. The need is for a building that shall house these, along with the Library Commission, the Academy of Science, and kindred interests, and it behooves all those who think so to get together and give what aid they can to Librarian D. C. Brown, who has already entered on the campaign.

#### THE HARRISON FARM NEAR CORYDON.

What is known as the Harrison place, six miles northwest of Corydon, was once, according to local tradition, the holding of William Henry Harrison. Mr. Hubbard M. Smith, the historian of Vincennes, writes to us upon that point. He thinks that General Harrison has probably been confused with Christopher Harrison. General Harrison, he points out, had his residence at Vincennes from 1801 till 1812, when he was appointed commander of the Northwest Territory, with headquarters in Ohio, and never again resided in Indiana. Christopher Harrison, on the other hand, who was elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1816, resided, presumably, at or near Corydon, and his ownership of the farm in question was quite probable. This seems plausible, but it illustrates the dangers of reasoning from probabilities on obscure historical points. D. F. Lemon, in his little pamphlet on Corydon, states that General William Henry Harrison "bought of the general government, in an early day, all of section 19, township 3, south of range 3 east; also a part of section 30, township 3, south of range 3 east. This land is all in one body and contains 829.20 acres." Mr. Lemon further says: "The records in the recorder's office of Harrison county show that William Henry Harrison and his wife Anna, on the 6th day of July,

1817, deeded the land mentioned to Joshua Wilson and Abijah Bayless for the consideration of ten thousand dollars." It is not improbable, indeed, that General Harrison may have owned and improved land near Corydon and yet never have resided there.

#### REVOLUTIONARY GRAVES.

Names of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Indiana that have come to our knowledge since our last issue are as follow:

Rev. Jesse Vawter, of Jefferson county. Buried in the graveyard at Wirt, a few miles northwest of Madison. Died March 20, 1838, aged 82 years. Alexander C. Chambers. Ebenezer churchyard, one mile south of Kent, Jefferson county. Joel Bishop, of New Jersey. Graveyard at Canaan, Jefferson county. Died 1847. George Blake, Pisgah graveyard, Graham township, Jefferson county. Samuel Walch. Accidentally killed in the forties. Buried at Madison. James George, died near Southport, Marion county, perhaps sixty years ago. Buried at Round Hill graveyard on "Three-notch" road, about five miles south of Indianapolis. Authority, Harley Richardson, of Southport. Suel Gilbert, died November, 1843. Buried at Muncie. Authority, the *Delaware County Democrat*. Charles DePauw, died August 31, 1814. Buried in cemetery at Salem, Washington county. Stone gives his Revolutionary record.

Authority for the first five is material in possession of Miss Drusilla L. Cravens, of Madison. From this source, also, we get this interesting scrap concerning pensioners. It is from a journal of George Fitzhugh, covering the period 1838-1843:

"Have had several Revolutioners here [at Madison] for their pensions. One named Johnson, 82 years old, fought under Greene in North Carolina. A recent reform(?) has made it necessary for these poor creatures to assemble at one point in the State. Some get \$80 a year, paid semi-annually; some \$20. One poor cripple came 100 miles and received but \$10."